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Summer Wildflowers In Copper Basin/Photo: Ray Martin

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<u>Spotlight On Safety: Flash Floods</u> Flash floods can strike Nevada at any time, in any month, but are most common in the summer. Remember only six inches of water can sweep a person of their feet. If flooding occurs, get to higher ground. Avoid driving through areas where water covers the road - TURN AROUND - DON'T DROWN! Be especially alert at night when it is harder to see floodwaters. Do not park vehicles near washes.			1 2004: A thunderstorm destroyed an old air-mail hangar and the Civil Air Patrol buildings at the Elko Airport. The roof of the air-mail hangar was thrown 150 feet and crashed into a power pole snapping it. One airplane was damaged.	2 2003: A brief waterspout was sighted on Lake Tahoe five miles southwest of Incline Village. A tornado, rated F0, was also reported 2 miles north of Verdi on a ridge.	3 1988: Hail up to 1.5 inches in diameter were observed in Lund.	4 1898: A thunderstorm dropped hail as large as quail eggs in Las Vegas.
5 1997: A debris flow in Lincoln County resulted in waters as high as 20 feet between Camp Valley Creek and Eagle Valley Canyon sweeping through a ranch damaging machines and hay stacks.	6 1992: A F0 tornado touched down on the north end of the Nevada Test Site.	7 1987: A F0 tornado touched down two miles south of Hiko tearing the roof off a home and uprooted trees. Several bales of hay also "disappeared".	8 1989: A microburst produced an all-time record 90 mph wind gust at McCarran Airport in Las Vegas damaging 42 planes there and another 22 aircraft at the Henderson Executive Airport.	9 1981: Ely's highest temperature ever recorded in August, 97°F.	10 1981: Thunderstorms dropped up to 6.5 inches of rain in the Moapa Valley with most of it falling in 15 minutes resulting in flooding that killed 762 cattle at a dairy in Hidden Valley.	11 1968: A flash flood washed out tracks of the Western Pacific Railroad's main line at Alazon resulting in 4 engines being derailed along with 37 freight cars.
12 1971: A curved rope-like tornado moved across open desert in East Las Vegas.	13 1977: A thunderstorm produced flash flooding on the McCutcheon and Gilbert Creeks in the Ruby Mountains.	14 1984: Thunderstorms flooded streets in Las Vegas with up to 4 feet of water. A school bus with 80 students aboard became stuck in mud.	15 1935: The U.S. Weather Bureau formally establishes an office in Las Vegas at what is now Nellis Air Force Base.	16 1965: Heavy rainfall washed out Mt. Rose Highway, closing it for 3 days.	17 1958: 0.73 inches of precipitation at Winnemucca, greatest daily rainfall total ever recorded in August.	18 1965: Heavy rains caused a slide across the railroad right-of-way 10 miles west of West Wendover which derailed 21 cars of a Western Pacific Fruit Express.
19 2003: Up to 5 inches of rain in an hour triggers a major flash flood in Northwest Las Vegas. 60 swift-water rescues took place. Homes and businesses flooded.	20 1973: Thunderstorm winds caused damage at three marinas on Lake Mead. At the Las Vegas Wash Marina alone 16 boats sunk and over 200 were wrecked resulting in \$1.5 million in damages.	21 1957: A total of 2.58 inches of rain was officially recorded in Las Vegas making this the wettest calendar day ever on record for the city.	22 1976: A severe thunderstorm near Winnemucca produced 1.5 inch diameter hail. Severe crop damage occurred in the area.	23 1960: Ely's lowest temperature ever recorded in August, 24°F.	24 1962: Reno's temperature dips to a low of 33°F.	25 1959: High winds from a thunderstorm toppled a concrete block building under construction and tore the roofs of buildings in Henderson.
26 1920: Fallon recorded 1.23 inches of rain.	27 1970: 4.13 inches of rain fell at Elko from a thunderstorm in one day, the greatest amount ever here with 3.64 inches in one hour. The water flooded streets and basements.	28 1997: A thunderstorm produced 58 mph wind gusts and dime size hail in Boulder City and flooded streets. An 11 year old boy was rescued from a drainage ditch.	29 2003: A tornado touched down near Paradise Valley, damaging a few hay bales. The tornado was rated a F0.	30 1967: A seven foot wall of water unleashed by thunderstorms swept down the Armargosa River washing away trailers, automobiles and houses as well as drowning horses.	31 1944: All-time record stretch of consecutive days with a high in the triple digits in Las Vegas ends at 66 days.	